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High Cost and Low Income Division
Universal Service Administrative Company
2000 L Street, NW, Suite 200
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
ASTAC Wireless, LLC
Call Sign: KNKQ408
ETC Certification

Dear Secretary:

Our firm represents Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. ("ASTAC"), a local exchange carrier certified to provide local telephone service within the boundaries of the North Slope Borough in Alaska. ASTAC Wireless, LLC ("AW") is a wholly owned subsidiary of ASTAC, formed for the purpose of providing cellular telephone service within the Alaska - 1 - Wade Hampton Cellular Market Area. The Commission has issued AW an A Band cellular license bearing Call Sign KNKQ408 authorizing the provision of cellular telephone service.

ASTAC and AW sought eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") status from the Regulatory Commission of Alaska ("RCA"), the regulator of telecommunications service within the state of Alaska. In U-07-059(4) effective January 31, 2008, the RCA designated AW as an ETC. AW, however, is not subject to the general jurisdiction of the RCA as it is a cellular carrier only.

The RCA provided its annual ETC certification prior to the October 1, 2007 deadline. Since AW received its ETC certification effective January 31, 2008, it has submitted a motion to the RCA requesting that it supplement its certification to include AW for the ASTAC study area. The study area codes have been assigned to the ASTAC study area. They are 613001 and 611449. A copy of the motion, motion for expedited consideration and supporting materials is enclosed with this letter. This filing was made pursuant to 47 CFR 54.314(b) and (c).

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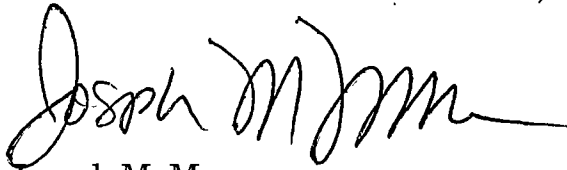
Pursuant to 47 CFR 54.314(c), AW now submits the original signed sworn affidavit of Remi Sun, the Chief Financial Officer of AW, attesting to the use of ETC support payments for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended for 2008. Concurrently herewith, an original of the affidavit is being filed with the Administrator of the high cost universal service support mechanism. All ETC submissions are timely pursuant to 47 CFR 54.314(d)(6).

If you have any questions after looking this letter over, please give me a call.

Sincerely yours,

DeLISIO MORAN GERAGHTY & ZOBEL, P.C.

By:

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Joseph M. Moran

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Enclosures

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ASTAC Wireless LLC for Certification)
of the Company's Use of High Cost)
Universal Service Support)

CC Docket 96-45

SWORN AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF USE OF ETC FUNDING

STATE OF ALASKA)
) ss.
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT)

Remi Sun, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states as follows:

1. I am the Chief Financial Officer of Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. ("ASTAC") and its wholly owned subsidiary, ASTAC Wireless, LLC ("AW").

2. ASTAC is a local exchange carrier certified by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska ("RCA" or "Commission") to provide local exchange service within the boundaries of the North Slope Borough. AW is licensed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to provide cellular telephone service within the Alaska 1 - Wade Hampton Cellular Market Area. AW holds an A Band cellular license, Call Sign KNKQ408. As such, AW is not subject to the jurisdiction of the RCA, the general regulator of telecommunication services within the state of Alaska.

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1 3. In U-07-059(4), the RCA entered an order granting AW eligible
2 telecommunications carrier ("ETC") status. A copy of Order No. 4 is attached and
3 marked as Exhibit A.

4 4. Pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.314(c), I now swear, under oath, for the benefit
5 of AW, that AW will use all ETC support it may receive for the provision, maintenance,
6 and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. I further
7 swear that AW will otherwise comply with all applicable ETC regulations.

8 ASTAC WIRELESS LLC

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10 Dated: March 4th, 2008

11 By: [Signature]
 Remi Sun
 Its: Chief Finance Officer

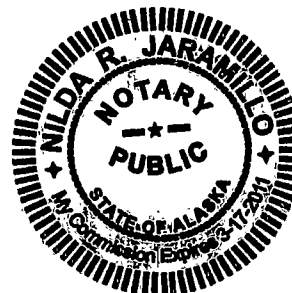
12 VERIFICATION

13 I, Remi Sun, say on oath or affirm that I have read the foregoing document and
14 believe all statements made in the document are true.

15 By: [Signature]
16 Remi Sun

17 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to or affirmed before me this 4TH day of March,
18 2008, at Anchorage, Alaska.

19 By: [Signature]
20 Notary Public in and for Alaska
21 My Commission Expires: Mar, 17, 2011



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U-08-_____

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION OF
MOTION FOR CERTIFICATION OF ASTAC WIRELESS LLC'S
USE OF FEDERAL HIGH-COST UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT
IN THE ASTAC STUDY AREA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2008
PURSUANT TO 3 AAC 48.091(g)

1. ASTAC Wireless, LLC ("AW"), through counsel, now moves the Regulatory Commission of Alaska ("RCA" or "Commission") for expedited consideration of its motion for certification of AW's use of federal high-cost universal service support in the study area of Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. ("ASTAC") for calendar year 2008 and issue a supplement to its annual certification regarding use of federal high-cost universal service support for 2008 to include AW in the ASTAC study area. This motion is supported by the principal motion for certification described above.

Relief Requested

2. AW requests the Commission promptly issue a letter to Universal Services Administrative Company ("USAC") and the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") certifying AW's use of federal high-cost universal service support for the period January 31, 2008 (the effective date of AW's ETC designation) through December 31,

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1 2008 in the form attached as Exhibit C to the principal motion. Pursuant to 47 CFR §
2 54.314, AW respectfully requests the Commission file the certification letter with USAC
3 and the FCC so that they may receive it on or before March 31, 2008.

4 General Background

5 3. Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. ("ASTAC") is an
6 Alaska cooperative corporation holding a certificate of public convenience and necessity
7 authorizing the provision of local exchange telephone service in the communities
8 located within the boundaries of the North Slope Borough. ASTAC Wireless, LLC
9 ("AW") is an Alaska limited liability company wholly owned by ASTAC, which was
10 formed by the filing of Articles of Organization with the State of Alaska, Department of
11 Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Corporations, Business and
12 Professional Licensing Section on May 10, 2007. The Certificate of Organization was
13 issued by the State of Alaska on May 10, 2007.

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15 4. On May 14, 2007, ASTAC and AW filed a petition seeking eligible
16 telecommunication status for AW. The petition was assigned Docket No. U-07-059.
17 There were no intervenors in the docket.

18 5. On November 19, 2007, the Commission issued Order No. 2 in Docket U-
19 07-059 tentatively approving the application subject to conditions, requiring additional
20 filings and establishing obligations for both ASTAC and AW. The order provided that
21 the application would be dismissed if the required supplemental filings were not timely
22 made. ASTAC satisfied the conditions set forth in the order and on January 31, 2008,
23 the Commission issued Order No. 4 in Docket U-07-059 designating AW as an eligible
telecommunications carrier ("ETC").

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Argument

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2 6. 47 CFR § 54.314 requires the Commission to annually file with the FCC
3 and the USAC a statement certifying each designated ETC use of high-cost universal
4 support in the state of Alaska. Pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.314(d)(6), a certification filed
5 with the FCC and USAC within sixty (60) days of the effective date of AW's designation
6 as an ETC will ensure that AW becomes eligible to receive federal high-cost universal
7 service support commencing as of the date its ETC designation became effective.

8 7. By Order U-07-59(4), the Commission designated AW as an ETC in the
9 ASTAC study area effective January 31, 2008. This designation, however, was after
10 the October 1, 2007 annual certification deadline for the Commission as set forth in
11 47 CFR § 54.314(d) to allow AW to receive high cost universal service support for the
12 newly approved study area for the 2008 calendar year.
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14 8. 47 CFR § 54.314(d)(6) authorizes the Commission to file a supplemental
15 certification for carriers that were not previously subject to the Commission's annual
16 certification. The Commission has used this authority recently for purposes of certifying
17 several ETC carriers following the issuance of its annual certification order. The
18 carrier's and dockets are described in detail in the principal motion.

19 9. AW requests expedited consideration of its principal motion because 47
20 CFR § 54.314(d)(6) requires Commission certification within sixty (60) days of the
21 effective date of AW's designation as an ETC carrier. The supplemental certification is
22 therefore due prior to March 31, 2008 in order to be timely. Failure to supplement the
23 Commission's certification will result in AW's loss of ETC funding for all of 2008,
resulting in an estimated loss of ETC funding of approximately \$650,000. Failure to

1 secure these funds will have a material adverse effect on the facilities construction plan
2 that AW and ASTAC proposed to the Commission as part of its ETC application.

3 10. AW apologizes for the expedited nature of this request, but hopes that the
4 non-controversial nature of the request will enable the Commission to meet the
5 requested deadline.

6 DATED this 5th day of March, 2008, at Anchorage, Alaska.

7 DeLISIO MORAN GERAGHTY & ZOBEL, P.C.
8 Attorneys for ASTAC Wireless, LLC

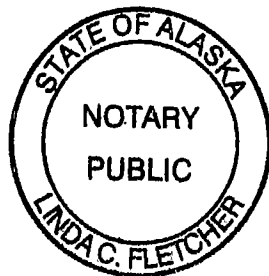
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12 I, Joseph M. Moran, say on oath or affirm that I have read the foregoing
13 document and believe all statements made in the document are true.

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By: Linda C. Fletcher
Notary Public in and for Alaska
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**MOTION FOR CERTIFICATION OF ASTAC WIRELESS LLC'S
USE OF FEDERAL HIGH-COST UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT
IN THE ASTAC STUDY AREA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2008**

1. ASTAC Wireless, LLC ("AW") hereby requests that the Regulatory Commission of Alaska ("RCA" or "Commission") supplement its annual certification regarding use of federal high-cost universal service support for calendar year 2008 to include AW in the study area of Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. ("ASTAC"). AW separately requests expedited consideration of this request in order for such certification to meet applicable federal deadlines.

2. This request is submitted pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.314, which requires the Commission to annually file with the Federal Communication Commission ("FCC") and Universal Services Administrative Company ("USAC") a statement certifying each designated eligible telecommunications carrier's ("ETC's") use of high cost universal service support in the state of Alaska. Pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.314(d)(6), a certification filed with the FCC and USAC within sixty (60) days of the effective date of AW's designation as an ETC will ensure that AW becomes eligible to receive federal

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1 high cost universal service support commencing as of the date its ETC designation
2 became effective.

3 3. By Order U-07-59(4), the Commission designated AW as an eligible
4 telecommunications carrier in the ASTAC study area effective January 31, 2008. The
5 effective date of AW's ETC designation, therefore, was after the October 1, 2007,
6 annual certification deadline set forth in 47 CFR § 54.314(d) to allow AW to receive high
7 cost universal service support for the ASTAC study area during the 2008 calendar year.
8 As a result, AW respectfully requests that the Commission supplement its annual
9 certification filing to the FCC and USAC, dated September 27, 2007, to include approval
10 for AW to receive support for the ASTAC Study Area.

11 4. As set forth in 47 CFR § 54.314(d)(6), the Commission is specifically
12 authorized to file a supplemental certification for carriers that were not previously
13 subject to the Commission's annual certification. The Commission used this authority
14 for the purpose of certifying Copper Valley Wireless, Inc. ("CVW"), use of support in
15 2007. See Order U-07-81(3) (RCA, August 21, 2007). Additionally, the Commission
16 used this authority to certify GCI's use of support for the Ketchikan Study Area for 2007.
17 See RCA Letter to the FCC and USAC dated September 10, 2007, attached as Exhibit
18 A.

19 5. To facilitate certification of AW's use of federal high cost universal service
20 in the ASTAC Study Area, AW files herewith the Data Response and Affidavit certifying
21 its use of support received during the 2008 calendar year for the ASTAC Study Area,
22 attached as Exhibit B. Exhibit B is the same Data Response and Affidavit for required
23 of all ETCs for the 2008 calendar year in Commission's Order U-07-83(1).

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1 6. To further assist the Commission, please also find enclosed a draft letter
2 to USAC and the FCC certifying AW's use of federal high-cost universal service support
3 for the period January 31, 2008 (the effective date of AW's ETC designation) through
4 December 31, 2008, attached as Exhibit C. Pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.314, AW
5 respectfully requests that the Commission file the certification letter in the form of
6 Exhibit C with USAC and the FCC so that they receive it on or before March 8, 2008.

7 7. AW apologizes for the highly expedited nature of this request, but hopes
8 that the non-controversial nature of the request will enable the Commission to meet the
9 requested deadline. This motion is supported by the exhibits attached hereto and the
10 motion for expedited consideration filed herewith.

11 DATED this 5th day of March, 2008, at Anchorage, Alaska.

12 DeLISIO MORAN GERAGHTY & ZOBEL, P.C.
13 Attorneys for ASTAC Wireless, LLC

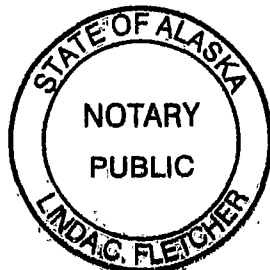
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September 10, 2007

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Karen Majcher
Vice President, High Cost & Low Income Division
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RE: **CC Docket No. 96-45**
Alaska Supplemental Certification of Support for Rural and Non-
Rural High-Cost Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R Sections 54.313-314

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

The Regulatory Commission of Alaska (Alaska Commission) hereby certifies that to the best of our knowledge and belief, all federal high cost support that may be provided in 2007 to GCI Communication Corp. d/b/a General Communication, Inc., and d/b/a GCI (GCI) for the Ketchikan study area (613013) will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. This includes High Cost Loop (HCL) support and Local Switching Support (LSS), and high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges.¹ GCI does not receive High Cost Model (HCM) support.

On August 28, 2007, GCI requested that we file this certification letter in hopes that it would be accepted under 47 CFR 54.314(d)(6). That provision indicates that if certification is received by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) "within 60 days of the effective date of the carrier's designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier" then a carrier such as GCI would be eligible for funding as of its ETC effective date.²

¹ To the best of our knowledge, no support related to purchased exchanges is applicable to the Ketchikan study area.

² 47 CFR 54.314(d)(6).

Letter to Dortch/Majcher
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On June 29, 2007, the Alaska Commission issued an order "designating GCI as an eligible telecommunications carrier for the Ketchikan study area, subject to conditions."³ See enclosed order U-06-132(2) as **Exhibit A**. GCI's obligation to serve as an ETC in the Ketchikan study area also began on June 29, 2007.⁴ This raises the question of whether the FCC will accept this letter as timely filed.

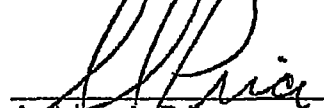
GCI believes that the "effective date" of its ETC designation was "when GCI fulfilled the condition on its ETC designation by filing a Certificate and Affidavit on July 16, 2007".⁵ Using the July 16, 2007 date, GCI determined a September 14, 2007 deadline for filing a certification letter under the 60 day provision. Our letter is being filed before September 14, 2007.

Only the FCC can determine whether it will allow GCI universal service funding in 2007 in light of 47 CFR 54.314(d)(6) and GCI's arguments concerning the effective date. We would support a waiver of the 60 day deadline under 47 CFR 54.314(d)(6), if necessary, to allow GCI to receive funding in 2007 given GCI became obligated to serve as an ETC in 2007.

Our certification does not preclude us from reviewing in further detail how GCI has employed its federal universal service funds and ordering that use of funds comply with our directives or policies.

Sincerely,

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA


Anthony A. Price
Chairman

cc: James R. Jackson, GCI

³ Order U-06-132(2), dated June 29, 2007, at 1, (capitalization of title omitted).

⁴ Our order specified that GCI's obligations as an ETC began once it provided service for compensation to any customer anywhere in the Ketchikan area using its own facilities but was also subject to conditions. Order U-06-132(2), at 12. At the time of our order we assumed incorrectly that GCI had yet to serve in the Ketchikan area. GCI began service on June 18, 2007, before the date of our order. U-06-132, Affidavit of Benita Washburn, filed July 16, 2007, at 1. It was never our intent to obligate GCI to serve as an ETC prior to our designation of it as an ETC. We clarify that GCI's obligations as an ETC began no sooner than June 29, 2007, when GCI was designated as an ETC in the Ketchikan area.

⁵ U-07-106, *GCI motion for certification of GCI's use of federal high cost universal service support in the Ketchikan area for calendar year 2007 and motion for expedited consideration*, filed August 28, 2007, at footnote 1.

U-07-83(1) Data Response and Affidavit

Data to be provided by economically regulated Eligible Telecommunications Carriers receiving loop or switch federal universal service support.

Company Name: ASTAC Wireless, LLC

Date: 3/4/08

Contact Name: Remi Sun

Contact Phone Number: (907) 564-2680

DATA IS TO BE PROVIDED BY SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH STUDY AREA SERVED.
COMPANIES THAT HAVE PURCHASED GTE EXCHANGES SHOULD FILE SEPARATE FORMS
FOR THEIR NON-GTE AND GTE AREAS.

STUDY AREA: ASTAC/GTE, 611449

Line	Data	USOA* Title	USOA* Acct. No.	Amount Received For 2006 & 2007
1	Federal Local Loop Support:			0
2	Federal Local Switching Support:			0
3	State Local Switching Support			0
4	Total Federal and State Loop and Switching Support			0

*For companies not required to follow the Uniformed System of Accounts (USOA), please indicate your account title and number.

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5. Explain how your company employed universal service funds received in the last twelve months.

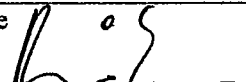
6. Explain how your company plans to employ universal service funds to be received in 2008. For example, indicate how the funds will benefit your company's expansion plans, facilities deployment, or rates charge.

ASTAC Wireless LLC will use USF support received in 2008 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to 47 USC 252(e) and 47 CFR 54.7. ASTAC Wireless will use the support, in part, to support network expansion in accordance with the Network Improvement Plan submitted in Docket U-07-59. Accordingly, ASTAC Wireless will utilize all federal universal service support received in the State of Alaska during the 2008 calendar year to, among other things, offer and advertise the services and functionalities supported by federal universal service support, maintain and upgrade the company's facilities and services, expand coverage, improve service quality and capacity, and enhance emergency operations.

7. Affidavit:

As an authorized corporate officer of ASTAC Wireless LLC (Utility Name), the holder of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. n/a, issued by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, I declare under penalty of unsworn falsification that I have examined this form and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct, and complete.

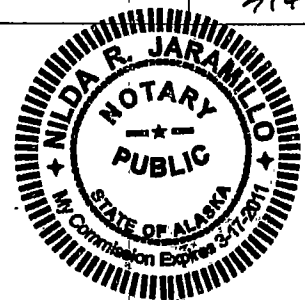
I hereby affirm familiarity with and understanding of the requirements of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended by The Telecommunications Act of 1996 with respect to the receipt of Universal Service Funds and affirm that such funds received in 2007 will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 254(e).

Signature 	Type or Print Name Remi Sun	Date 3/14/08
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Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 4TH day of March, A.D. 2008


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**RE: CC Docket No. 96-45
Universal Service Support Certification (47 C.F.R. Sections
54.313-54.314)**

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

This letter is submitted pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Sections 54.313 and 53.314, both of which require state regulatory commissions to annually certify the use of federal universal support as a prerequisite for continued receipt of funding by eligible telecommunications carriers (ETC). The Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) governs local services and rates in Alaska and is the appropriate authority to issue the certification required under Sections 54.314.

By Order U-07-59(4), dated January 31, 2008, the RCA granted the application of ASTAC Wireless LLC ("AW") to be designated an ETC in the study area of Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. ("ASTAC") in the State of Alaska pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 214(e)(2).¹ The RCA's Order designating AW as an ETC is enclosed herewith as Exhibit A. ASTAC also filed and will continue to file certifications regarding its use of USF support. The RCA will regularly review AW's responses in this area.

This letter serves as a supplement to the RCA's 2008 annual certification to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") dated September 27, 2007. AW's ETC

¹ The NECA Codes for the ASTAC study area are 613001 and 611449.

designation became effective on January 31, 2008 after the annual certification deadline of October 1, 2007, contained in 47 C.F.R. Sections 54.313(d) and 54.314(d) to allow AW to receive high-cost universal service support in 2008 for the study areas 613001 and 611449.

Pursuant to FCC Rules 54.313(d)(3)(vi) and 54.314(d)(6), the RCA must certify AW's use of support to the FCC and USAC within sixty (60) days of the effective date of AW's ETC designation to ensure that AW is eligible to receive high-cost universal service support commencing on the effective date of its ETC designation for the remainder of 2008.

AW has certified to the RCA that all federal high-cost universal service support received by it in Alaska will be used pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 254(e). Accordingly, the RCA declares that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, all federal high-cost support to be received by AW in the State of Alaska in calendar year 2008 will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Communications Act. Accordingly, the RCA certifies AW's use of support in the State of Alaska for the 2008 calendar year so that AW may receive high-cost universal service support for the new study area effective the date of its ETC designation on January 31, 2008.

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INC. for Designation of ASTAC Wireless LLC as)
a Carrier Eligible to Receive Universal Service)
Support Under the Telecommunications Act of)
1996 Throughout the Study Area Served by)
ARCTIC SLOPE TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION)
COOPERATIVE, INC.)

U-07-59

ORDER NO. 4

ORDER CONFIRMING APPROVAL OF PETITION, DESIGNATING
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER STATUS
AND CLOSING DOCKET

BY THE COMMISSION:

Summary

We confirm our approval of the petition to designate ASTAC Wireless LLC (ASTAC-W) as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) throughout the study area of Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. (ASTAC) and designate ASTAC-W as an ETC. We close this docket.

Background

We approved, subject to conditions, the petition filed by ASTAC for designation of ASTAC-W, its wholly-owned subsidiary, as an ETC and required filings.¹ ASTAC-W filed the required verification and affirmation.²

Discussion

Our approval of ASTAC's designation as an ETC in Order U-07-59(2) was conditioned on ASTAC submitting compliance filings verifying the transfer of wireless assets from ASTAC to ASTAC-W and affirmation that the transfers were accomplished in compliance with all applicable state and federal requirements; affirmation by ASTAC-W of the commitments made on its behalf by ASTAC; and our issuance of a final order confirming approval of the petition.³ Further, we required ASTAC to advertise and make certain filings after issuance of our final order confirming its designation as an ETC.

ASTAC and ASTAC-W jointly verified that ASTAC's wireless assets, licenses, and customer service obligations have been transferred to ASTAC-W and that the asset transfers were completed in compliance with all applicable state and federal requirements.⁴ Additionally, ASTAC-W affirmed the representations and promises made on its behalf by ASTAC.⁵ We find that ASTAC and ASTAC-W have met the conditions for confirmation of our approval of the petition to designate ASTAC-W as an

¹Order U-07-59(2), *Order Approving Application, Subject to Conditions; Requiring Filing; and Establishing Obligations*, dated November 19, 2007 (Order U-07-59(2)).

²ASTAC Wireless LLC *Affirmation and Commitment*, filed December 19, 2007 (Affirmation); *Verification*, filed December 19, 2007 (Verification); *Supplementary Verification*, filed January 3, 2008 (Supplementary Verification).

³Order U-07-59(2) at 1, 4, 11, 12, 14, 15.

⁴Verification at 1; Supplementary Verification at 2.

⁵Affirmation at 1-2.

1 ETC. Accordingly, we designate ASTAC-W as an ETC throughout the ASTAC study
2 area. ASTAC-W shall comply with the requirements of its designation as established in
3 Order U-07-59(2).

4 Final Order

5 This order constitutes the final decision in this proceeding. This decision
6 may be appealed within thirty days of the date of this order in accordance with
7 AS 22.10.020(d) and the Alaska Rules of Court, Rule of Appellate Procedure
8 (Ak. R. App. P.) 602(a)(2). In addition to the appellate rights afforded by
9 AS 22.10.020(d), a party has the right to file a petition for reconsideration as permitted
10 by 3 AAC 48.105. If such a petition is filed, the time period for filing an appeal is then
11 calculated under Ak. R. App. P. 602(a)(2).

12 Closing Docket

13 No substantive or procedural matters remain in this proceeding, and there
14 are no allocable costs under AS 42.05.651 and 3 AAC 48.157. Accordingly, we close
15 this docket.

16 ORDER

17 THE COMMISSION THEREFORE ORDERS:

18 1. Our approval of the petition to designate ASTAC Wireless LLC as an
19 eligible telecommunications carrier throughout the study area of Arctic Slope Telephone
20 Association Cooperative, Inc. is affirmed.

21 2. ASTAC Wireless LLC is designated as a carrier eligible to receive
22 federal and state universal service support under the Telecommunications Act of 1996
23 throughout the study area of Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc.

24 3. ASTAC Wireless LLC shall comply with the requirements of its
25 designation as established in Order U-07-59(2).

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4. Docket U-07-59 is closed.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE at Anchorage, Alaska, this 31st day of January, 2008.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION
(Commissioners Anthony A. Price and
Dave Harbour, not participating.)



STATE OF ALASKA

THE REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

Before Commissioners:

Anthony A. Price, Chairman
Kate Giard
Dave Harbour
Mark K. Johnson
Janis W. Wilson

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TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION COOPERATIVE,)
INC. for Designation of ASTAC Wireless LLC as)
a Carrier Eligible to Receive Universal Service)
Support Under the Telecommunications Act of)
1996 Throughout the Study Area Served by)
ARCTIC SLOPE TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION)
COOPERATIVE, INC.)

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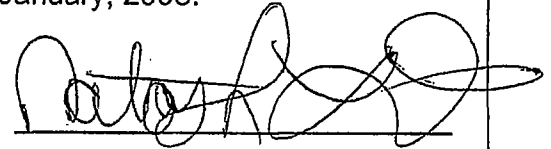
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501. On January 31, 2008, I mailed copies of
Order No. 4, entitled:

ORDER CONFIRMING APPROVAL OF PETITION, DESIGNATING
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER STATUS
AND CLOSING DOCKET
(Issued January 31, 2008)

in the proceeding identified above to the persons indicated on the attached service list.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 31st day of January, 2008.



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